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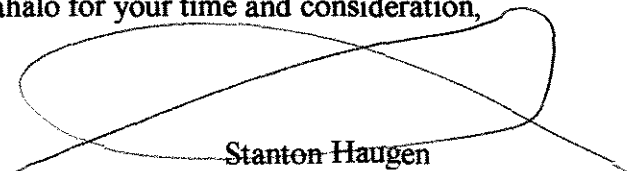
**To: Honorable Todd Apo
Chairman and City Council Members
City and County Honolulu**

**From: Stanton Haugen
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Dear Chairman Apo and City and Council Members,

This letter is regarding Mr. Michael Nakasone Band Master of our Royal Hawaiian Band. I understand that soon he will have to go before all of you in hopes of being re-confirmed as Band Master. I am a frequent concert goer and I would like to say that the level of performance in recent years under the baton of Maestro Nakasone has elevated so much that the audiences are growing and growing. I especially like the Hawaiian and cultural music. He also is doing classical music which is fantastic! It is very important for our children to hear good music and not so much of that rap and noise stuff. I heard him say that music is good for the mind and I believe this. I listen with a critical ear and am a symphony concert goer. In this shaky time when the Honolulu Symphony has troubles, we can always count on Maestro Michael Nakasone to give us great concerts. I am so happy that the City of Honolulu has Maestro Nakasone and the Royal Hawaiian Band.

much mahalo for your time and consideration,



Stanton Haugen